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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL KEMP/MANTEL/BRYEN

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1. WE PHONED SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFFER STEVE BRYEN AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL TO TRY AND FURTHER PROBE THE STAFFDEL'S INTEREST. BRYEN, WHO SERVES AS SENATOR CASE'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMITTEE AND HAS PROVEN TO BE A HARD-BITTEN INVESTIGATIVE STAFFER IN PREVIOUS SITUATIONS, WILL BE THE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION ON WHOM YOU SHOULD CONCENTRATE. HE WILL BE VIEWING THE U.S. MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH IRAN WITH A SOMEWHAT JAUNDICED EYE, REFLECTING THE GROWING SENSE OF CONGRESSIONAL DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE ARMS SUPPLIER ROLE IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES NOW FINDS ITSELF.

2. ALTHOUGH QUESTION HAS NOT COME UP IN BRIEFINGS HERE SO FAR, WE UNDERSTAND STAFFDEL MAY BE INTERESTED ALSO IN GOI ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL AND POSSIBILITY OF ANY CHANGE IN IT.

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3. WE RECOMMEND, IN ADDITION TO THE PLANNED PROGRAM, THAT
AMBASSADOR HELMS PERSONALLY HAVE AT LEAST ONE PRIVATE
SESSION WITH STAFFDEL WHICH WILL PROVIDE HIM A CHANCE TO

EMPHASIZE THE POLICY RATIONALE FOR OUR CLOSE ARMS RELATION-
SHIP WITH THE GOI.

4. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT TIME OR THE PRESENT MOOD WOULD
PERMIT YOUR REVIEW OF THE STUDY GROUP'S "REPORT" PRIOR
TO ITS COMPLETION. THERE ARE NO CONCRETE PLANS BY THIS
GROUP TO "PUBLISH" A FORMAL REPORT, ALTHOUGH THIS IS ALWAYS
POSSIBLE. THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE RESULTS OF THE
VISIT WILL BE WHILE THE DELEGATION IS IN IRAN. YOU, OF
COURSE, CAN SUGGEST TO STAFFDEL YOUR INTEREST IN SEEING
ANY "REPORT" OF THE TRIP AND HAVING A CHANCE TO COMMENT
ON IT. KISSINGER

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